

**System and Method for Using a Voice-Messaging System to Place Local and Long Distance Telephone Calls**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Systems and methods for using a voice-messaging system to place local and long distance telephone calls. In the invention, a voice-messaging system receives a toll-free call placed by a user and verifies that the user is a valid user of the voice-messaging system by accepting a pass code. The voice-messaging system then accepts the user's request to place a telephone call and the number to be called. Finally, the system places a call to the third party and connects the telephone call to the third-party telephone line if the third-party telephone line is available.

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